

## INSTRUCTION

### Class Size

The Stafford County School Board expects that class sizes generally will be consistent with those acceptable under the accrediting requirements of the State Board of Education and, where applicable, the Southern Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities.

In addition, the board sets the following guidelines:

1. Small classes are desirable at the primary level.
2. Larger classes are permissible in certain types of instruction where large group instruction is appropriate.
3. In all courses requiring specially designed facilities and equipment, enrollment shall be limited on a priority basis to those students needing such courses in order to meet graduation requirements.

**Legal Reference:** Through June 30, 1999

**Code of Va., §22.1-253.13:1. Standard 1. Basic skills, selected programs, and instructional personnel.**  
(1998)

**Regulations of the Virginia Board of Education, "Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia."** 8VAC 20-131-240 "...E. Middle school teachers in schools with a seven-period day may teach 150 student periods per day or 30 class periods per week...

F. The secondary classroom teacher's standard load shall be no more than 25 class periods per week..." (Adopted September 4, 1997, effective October 31, 1997.)

Adopted by School Board: March 24, 1987

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